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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new sections, designated §18-2-7d and §18-2-40; to amend and reenact §18B-3C-4 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §21-1E-1, §21-1E-2, §21-1E-3 and §21-1E-4; to amend and reenact §29-3-9 of said code; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §30-1E-1, §30-1E-2, §30-1E-3 and §30-1E-4, all relating to providing for a program of instruction in workforce preparedness; providing career and technical education program information to students and parents; requiring transcript of post-secondary credits earned by public school students to be provided to them; elevating priority on program integration to meet region and state labor market needs by community and technical college/career and technical education consortia; providing for joint State Board and Council for Community and Technical College Education guidelines on program administration; providing joint responsibility of State Superintendent and Chancellor for certain activities and reporting; requiring standards and procedures for recognizing career technical training acquired in public schools, apprenticeships and training programs toward occupational testing, certification and/or licensure; establishing purpose and intent; providing definitions; requiring rules providing standards and procedures be proposed by Commissioner of Labor, State Fire Commission, State Fire Marshal and the professions and occupations licensing boards and commissions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

CHAPTER 18. EDUCATION.

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-7d. Program in workforce preparedness.

(a) The Legislature finds that, in addition to specialized skills relating to specific professions and trades, students will be better prepared to enter the workforce and succeed in

3	their chosen fields of employment or education by having the opportunity to participate in training
4	related to general workforce preparedness, productive workplace skills and processes, time
5	management and efficiency, and teamwork and leadership competencies in the workplace. The
6	Legislature further finds that employers in the state are the best source for articulating the general
7	skills and attributes they, in common, seek in future employees and that employers may
8	collaborate in the development of a graduate profile incorporating these skills and attributes. The
9	purpose of this section is to provide students basic instruction in general workforce preparedness
10	including, but not limited to, information that may be developed by employers on the basic skills
11	and attributes that they, in common, seek in prospective employees.
12	(b) The state board shall develop a program of instruction in general workforce and career
13	preparedness which may be integrated into the curriculum of an appropriate existing course or
14	courses for students in secondary schools. This program shall include, among other topics as
15	may be developed by the state board, instruction in:
16	(1) Resume and curriculum vitae preparedness;
17	(2) Interviewing skills and techniques;
18	(3) Customer service expectations and proficiencies;
19	(4) Conflict management and team building in the workplace;
20	(5) Inter-personal relationship training, including effective verbal communication
21	techniques, telephone communications and correspondence and written communication skills;
22	(6) Workplace expectations, including prompt attendance, timeliness and efficiencies; and
23	(7) Leadership and career development training.
24	(c) The program of instruction also shall include guidelines for schools working through
25	their local school improvement councils and business partners to communicate to students the
26	common skills and attributes sought by employers in prospective employees.

§18-2-40. Providing career and technical education program information to students and parents; transcript of post-secondary credit.

1	(a) The State Board of Education, the Council for Community and Technical College
2	Education, the State Fire Commission and State Fire Marshal, and the Department of Commerce
3	shall coordinate efforts for the collection and dissemination of information on the career and
4	technical cluster and major programs of study established for the public schools including, but not
5	limited to, the following:
6	(1) Programs of study and the curriculum of courses at the secondary and post-secondary
7	level established pursuant to §18B-3C-4 of this code that lead to an industry-recognized
8	credential, a certificate of applied science degree or an associate degree that satisfy a workforce
9	need;
10	(2) Programs of study and the curriculum of courses at the secondary level recognized
11	pursuant to §21-1E-1 et seq. of this code, §29-3-9 of this code and §30-1E-1 et seq. of this code
12	as satisfying a portion of the requirements for an apprenticeship and other employer sponsored
13	training programs, as well as any associated programs of study and the curriculum of courses at
14	the post-secondary level that enable the student to also satisfy the requirements for an associate
15	degree; and
16	(3) The EDGE program, established by §18-13-1 et seq. of this code, which provides the
17	opportunity for the student to obtain articulated credits that count toward high school graduation
18	requirements, as well as to count toward the student's achievement of a certificate or associate
19	degree.
20	(b) The dissemination of the information on programs of study as provided in subsection
21	(a) of this section shall be easily accessible to all students and their parents beginning in the
22	middle school grades.
23	(c) All post-secondary credits earned by a public school student through the EDGE
24	program and any other articulated credit and dual credit program shall be transcripted and
25	provided to the student by the post-secondary institution at which the credit was earned.

CHAPTER 18B. HIGHER EDUCATION.

ARTICLE 3C. COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM.

§18B-3C-4. Community and technical college/career and technical education consortia planning districts.

- (a) Unless otherwise designated, the presidents of the community and technical colleges facilitate formation of community and technical college/career and technical education consortia in the state. Each consortium includes representatives of community and technical colleges, public career and technical education centers and state baccalaureate institutions offering associate degrees. The consortium is responsible for carrying out the following actions:
- (1) Completing a comprehensive assessment of the district to determine what education and training programs are necessary to meet the short- and long-term workforce development needs of the district and to identify the high-demand, high-wage occupations within the service district and develop programs of study, based on the findings, that consist of a curriculum of courses leading to an industry-recognized credential, a certificate of applied science degree or an associate degree;
- (2) Coordinating efforts with regional labor market information systems to identify the ongoing needs of business and industry, both current and projected, and to provide information to assist in an informed program of planning and decision-making. The priority of each consortium is to identify the high-demand, high-wage occupations within the service district and, in conjunction with the public schools, develop integrated secondary and post-secondary programs of study that lead to an industry-recognized credential, a certificate of applied science degree or an associate degree;
- (3) Developing integrated secondary and post-secondary programs of study that lead to an industry-recognized credential, a certificate of applied science degree or an associate degree to satisfy a workforce need as determined by the Department of Commerce. The Department of

Commerce shall on occasion, but at least annually, provide written notification to the State Board
of Education and the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education a
determination of areas of workforce need;

- (4) Increasing the integration of secondary and post-secondary curriculum and programs that are targeted to meet regional and state labor market needs, including implementing seamless programs of study, including West Virginia EDGE, Advanced Career Education, Registered Apprenticeships and the Collaborative Degree Completion Program:
- (5) Ensuring that the programs of study include coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant career and technical education content. The programs shall provide for student movement through a coordinated, nonduplicative progression of courses that align secondary education with community and technical college education to prepare students to succeed at the community and technical college level and in high-wage, high-demand occupations;
- (6) Increasing the integration of secondary and post-secondary curriculum and programs that are targeted to meet regional labor market needs, including implementing seamless programs of study, including West Virginia EDGE, and the Collaborative Degree Completion Program:
- (A) Research shows that well-planned, well-coordinated programs of study have a positive impact on school attendance, student grades, achievement scores, retention rates and career planning. To be successful, programs of study must include coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant career and technical education content. They must provide for student movement through a coordinated, nonduplicative progression of courses that align secondary education with community and technical college education to prepare students to succeed at the community and technical college level and in high-wage, high-demand occupations;
- (B) Therefore, the focus of each consortium is to identify the high-demand, high-wage occupations within the service district and develop programs of study, based on the findings, that

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48	lead to an industry-recognized credential, a certificate of applied science degree or an associate
49	degree;
50	(C) The initial consortium compact and each annual update required in subsection (d) of
51	this section shall identify the programs of study that are to be implemented in the district service
52	area
53	(3)(6) Planning and developing a unified effort between the community and technical
54	colleges and public career and technical education to meet the documented workforce
55	development needs of the district and state through individual and cooperative programs; shared
56	facilities, faculty, staff, equipment and other resources; and the development and use of distance
57	learning and other education technologies;
58	(4)(7) Collaborating and developing jointly the collaborative programming for adults
59	between the community and technical colleges and the public career and technical centers. The
60	focus of these collaborative efforts is the development of advanced skill programming that builds
61	on the secondary curriculum and allows career and technical education graduates to acquire more
62	in-depth preparation in their occupational area of interest;
63	(5)(8) As a consortium, regularly reviewing and revising curricula to ensure that the work
64	force needs are met; developing new programs and phasing out or modifying existing programs,

force needs are met; developing new programs and phasing out or modifying existing programs, as appropriate, to meet such needs; and streamlining procedures for designing and implementing customized training programs;

(7)(9) Planning and implementing integrated professional development activities for secondary and post-secondary faculty, staff and administrators;

(8)(10) Ensuring that program graduates have attained the competencies required for successful employment through the involvement of business, industry and labor in establishing student credentialing;

(9)(11) Assessing student knowledge and skills which may be gained from multiple sources so that students gain credit toward program completion and advance more rapidly without

74	repeating course work in which they already possess competency. Assessment may include, but
75	is not limited to, the use of assessment instruments of the National Occupational Competency
76	Testing Institute:

(10)(12) Cooperating with workforce investment boards to establish one-stop-shop career centers with integrated employment and training and labor market information systems that enable job seekers to assess their skills, identify and secure needed education training, and secure employment, and that allow employers to locate available workers;

(11)(13) Increasing the integration of adult literacy, adult basic education, federal Work

Force Investment Act and community and technical college programs and services to expedite
the transition of adults from welfare to gainful employment, including cooperating with the State

Department of Education to provide adult basic education programs on each community and
technical college campus in the state where developmental education services are provided; and

(12)(14) Establishing a single point of contact for employers and potential employers to

(b) The community and technical college education consortium shall cooperate with the regional workforce investment board in the district and shall participate in any development or amendment to the regional workforce investment plan.

access education and training programs throughout the district.

- (c) To carry out the provisions of this section, community and technical college/career and technical education consortia planning districts are established and defined as follows:
- (1) Northern Panhandle District includes Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel counties.
 - (A) The facilitating institution is West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College.
- (B) Participating institutions include West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College; John Marshall High School; Cameron High School; John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center; and other public career and technical centers offering post-secondary programs.

programs.

99	(2) North Central West Virginia District includes Monongalia, Marion, Preston, Taylor,
100	Barbour, Randolph, Doddridge, Harrison, Braxton, Lewis, Calhoun, Gilmer and Upshur counties.
101	(A) The facilitating institution is Pierpont Community and Technical College.
102	(B) Participating institutions include Pierpont Community and Technical College; Glenville
103	State College; Randolph County Technical Center; Monongalia County Technical Education
104	Center; United Technical Center; Marion County Technical Center; Fred W. Eberle Technical
105	Center; Calhoun Gilmer Career Center; Taylor County Technical Center; and other public career
106	and technical centers offering post-secondary programs.
107	(3) Mid-Ohio Valley District includes Tyler, Pleasants, Ritchie, Wood, Wirt, Jackson and
108	Roane counties.
109	(A) The facilitating institution is West Virginia University at Parkersburg.
110	(B) Participating institutions include West Virginia University at Parkersburg; Roane-
111	Jackson Technical Center; Wood County Technical Center; Mid-Ohio Valley Technical Institute
112	and other public career and technical centers offering post-secondary programs.
113	(4) Potomac Highlands District includes Tucker, Pendleton, Grant, Hardy, Mineral and
114	Hampshire counties.
115	(A) The facilitating institution is Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.
116	(B) Participating institutions include Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical
117	College; South Branch Career and Technical Center; Mineral County Technical Center; and other
118	public career and technical centers offering post-secondary programs.
119	(5) Shenandoah Valley District includes Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties.
120	(A) The facilitating institution is Blue Ridge Community and Technical College.
121	(B) Participating institutions include Blue Ridge Community and Technical College; James
122	Rumsey Technical Institute; and other public career and technical centers offering post-secondary

- 124 (6) Advantage Valley District includes Fayette, Kanawha, Clay, Putnam, Cabell, Mason 125 and Wayne counties.
 - (A) The facilitating institution for Cabell, Mason and Wayne counties is Mountwest Community and Technical College. The facilitating institutions for Clay, Fayette, Kanawha and Putnam counties are Bridgemont Community and Technical College and Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College.
 - (B) Participating institutions include Mountwest Community and Technical College; Bridgemont Community and Technical College; Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College; Carver Career and Technical Education Center; Garnet Career Center; Ben Franklin Career and Technical Center; Putnam Career and Technical Center; Cabell County Career-Technology Center; Mason County Career Center; and other public career and technical centers offering post-secondary programs.
 - (7) Southern Mountains District includes Lincoln, Boone, Logan, Mingo, Wyoming and McDowell counties.
 - (A) The facilitating institution is Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.
 - (B) Participating institutions include Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College; Boone County Career and Technical Center; Wyoming County Career and Technical Center; Ralph R. Willis Career and Technical Center; McDowell County Career and Technology Center; Mingo Extended Learning Center; and other public career and technical centers offering post-secondary programs.
 - (8) Southeastern District includes Raleigh, Summers, Fayette, Nicholas, Webster, Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe and Mercer counties.
 - (A) The facilitating institution is New River Community and Technical College.
 - (B) Participating institutions include New River Community and Technical College; Bridgemont Community and Technical College; Bluefield State College; Academy of Careers and Technology; Fayette Institute of Technology; Summers County High School; Monroe County

Technical Center; Mercer County Technical Education Center; Nicholas County Career and Technical Center; and other public career and technical centers offering post-secondary programs.

- (9) Cochairs preside over each consortium as follows:
- (A) The president of the facilitating community and technical college, or his or her designee; and
- (B) A career and technical education center administrator, or his or her designee, representing one of the participating institutions and selected by the consortium administrative leaders.
 - (d) In the role of the facilitating institution of the consortium, the college:
 - (1) Communicates to the council and state board;
- (2) Facilitates the delivery of comprehensive community and technical college education in the region, which includes the seven areas of comprehensive community and technical college education delivery as required by §18B-3C-6 of this code;
- (3) Facilitates development of a statement of commitment signed by all participating institutions in the region setting forth how community and technical college education will be delivered; and
- (4) Facilitates the development of a consortium compact to be submitted to the council and state board before July 1, 2012, and annually thereafter. The consortium compact and each annual update shall identify the programs of study that are to be implemented in the district service area. Before July 1, 2020, and thereafter, the consortium compact shall be in accordance with the provisions of this section as amended and reenacted at the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature: *Provided*, That reports which include at least the information required by this section and are required for federal program reporting may be used to meet the consortium compact report requirements.

175	(e) The state board and council shall jointly promulgate guidelines for the administration
176	of this section. The guidelines shall be affirmatively adopted by both the board and the council. At
177	a minimum, such guidelines shall provide for the following:
178	(1) Participating institutions are not subordinate to the facilitating institution but shall sign
179	the statement of commitment to participate.
180	(2) Integrated secondary and post-secondary programs of study that lead to an industry-
181	recognized credential, a certificate of applied science degree or an associate degree shall be
182	reduced to written partnership agreements;
183	(3) The programs of study must meet the requirements of the accrediting entity for the
184	community and technical college awarding the associate degrees;
185	(4) That partnership agreements must be approved by the State Superintendent of
186	Schools and the Chancellor for the Council for Community and Technical College Education; and
187	(5) Any other provisions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.
188	(f) The Council is State Superintendent of Schools and the Chancellor for the Council for
189	Community and Technical College Education are responsible for carrying out the following
190	activities:
191	(1) Annually evaluating the progress made in meeting the compact goals for each
192	consortium through the development and collection of performance indicator data; and
193	(2) Providing each consortium with a model format for developing and revising a
194	consortium compact outlining strategies and procedures for achieving stated goals. The compact
195	shall be submitted to the council and state board for their respective approvals before July 1, 2012
196	July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter. The council is responsible for approving the compact
197	components related to community and technical college education. The state board is responsible
198	for approving the compact components related to career and technical education. Each compact
199	shall include implementation of seamless programs of study, the Collaborative Degree

Completion Program and the West Virginia EDGE Program.

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201	(g) The State Superintendent of Schools and the Chancellor for the Council for Community
202	and Technical College Education shall annually report to the Governor and the Legislative
203	Oversight Commission on Education Accountability on the implementation of this section.
	CHAPTER 21. LABOR.
	ARTICLE 1E. CAREER TRAINING EDUCATION AND APPRENTICESHIPS.
	§21-1E-1. Declaration of purpose.
1	The provisions of this article are intended to facilitate certification and/or licensure for
2	workers who acquire training via career technical education provided by West Virginia public
3	schools or an employer-sponsored apprenticeship and employer-sponsored training programs.
	§21-1E-2. Definitions.
1	As used in this article and the legislative rules promulgated pursuant to this article:
2	"Apprentice" means someone who is enrolled in an apprenticeship program.
3	"Apprenticeship program" means a program offered by an employer to provide supervised
4	on-the-job training to employees approved by the United States Department of Labor.
5	"Employer sponsored training program" means a program approved in accordance with a
6	rule promulgated pursuant to authority established in §21-1E-4 of this code.
7	"License" means a valid and current certification or license issued by the Commissioner
8	of Labor in accordance with the provisions of this article.
9	"Career technical education" means programs of study, clusters, and pathways approved
10	by the West Virginia Board of Education pursuant to state board policy.
	§21-1E-3. Recognition of training and apprenticeships.
1	Beginning July 1, 2019, applicants for certification or licensure shall be permitted to apply

training hours earned via career technical education provided by West Virginia public schools or

an apprenticeship program or employer-sponsored training program towards the requirements for

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4 <u>certification and/or licensure in the same occupation in accordance with the standards and</u>
5 procedures authorized in accordance with this article.

§21-1E-4. Rule-making authority.

- The Commissioner of Labor shall, after consultation with the State Superintendent of

 Schools, propose rules for legislative approval, in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et

 seq. of this code, for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this article. The

 rules shall provide at least the following:
 - (1) Standards and procedures for recognizing training hours acquired through career technical education provided by West Virginia public schools and applying those hours to requirements for testing and/or certification and/or licensure; and
 - (2) Standards and procedures for recognizing training hours acquired through apprenticeship programs and employer-sponsored training programs and applying those hours to requirements for testing and/or certification and/or licensure.

CHAPTER 29. MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND OFFICERS. ARTICLE 3. FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT.

§29-3-9. Powers, duties and authority of State Fire Commission and State Fire Marshal.

- 1 (a) The State Fire Commission may employ personnel, fix their compensation and, within 2 funds available to do so, incur expenses as necessary in the performance of the duties of its 3 office.
 - (b) The State Fire Commission is responsible for fire programs within this state, including the State Fire Marshal's office, training, uniform standards and certification, finance and planning and fire prevention.
 - (c) All state and area training and education in fire service shall be coordinated by the State Fire Commission. The State Fire Marshal shall ensure that these programs are operated throughout the state at a level consistent with needs identified by the commission.

- (d) The State Fire Commission may make recommendations to the State Insurance
 Commissioner regarding town classifications for fire insurance rates.
 - (e) The formation of any new fire department, including volunteer fire departments, requires the concurrence of the State Fire Commission. The State Fire Commission shall develop a method of certification which can be applied to all fire departments and volunteer fire departments.
 - (f) The State Fire Commission shall develop a plan for fire prevention and control which shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas: Manpower needs; location of training centers; location of fire prevention and control units; communications; fire fighting facilities; water sources; vehicular needs; public education and information; public participation; standardization in record keeping; evaluation of personnel; reporting of fire hazards; programs on mutual aid; location of public safety agencies; outline of fire prevention programs; and accessibility of fire prevention information.
 - (g) The State Fire Commission shall establish fire protection areas and at such times as funds are available shall establish field offices for inspection, planning and certification.
 - (h) The State Fire Marshal may accept, on behalf of the State Fire Commission, gifts, grants, court ordered civil forfeiture proceedings and bequests of funds or property from individuals, foundations, corporations, the federal government, governmental agencies and other organizations or institutions. The State Fire Marshal, acting on behalf of the State Fire Commission, may enter into, sign and execute any agreements and do and perform any acts that may be necessary, useful, desirable or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this article. Moneys from gifts, grants, civil forfeiture proceedings and bequests received by the State Fire Marshal shall be deposited into the special account set forth in subsection (c), section twelve-b of this article, and the State Fire Marshal, with the approval of the State Fire Commission, has the authority to make expenditures of, or use of any tangible property, in order to effectuate the purposes of this article.

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36	(i) The State Fire Commission shall establish standards and procedures by policy to
37	implement the provisions of this section with regard to the following:
38	(1) Fire prevention and control;
39	(2) Uniform standards of performance, equipment and training;
40	(3) Certification;
41	(4) Training and education in fire service, subject to the rule-making requirements set forth
42	in section five-d of this article; and
43	(5) The creation, operation and responsibilities of fire departments throughout the state.
44	(j) Beginning July 1, 2019, applicants for certification or licensure in accordance with the
45	education and training programs under the respective jurisdictions of the State Fire Commission
46	and the State Fire Marshal shall be permitted to apply training hours earned via career technical
47	education provided by West Virginia public schools or an apprenticeship program or employer-
48	sponsored training program towards the requirements for certification and/or licensure by the
49	State Fire Commission and the State Fire Marshal as applicable. The State Fire Commission and
50	State Fire Marshal shall, after consultation with the State Superintendent of Schools, propose
51	rules for legislative approval, in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code,
52	for the implementation and enforcement of these provisions. The rules shall provide at least the
53	following:
54	(1) Standards and procedures for recognizing training hours acquired through career
55	technical education provided by West Virginia public schools and applying those hours to
56	requirements for testing and/or certification and/or licensure; and
57	(2) Standards and procedures for recognizing training hours acquired through
58	apprenticeship programs and employer-sponsored training programs and applying those hours
59	to requirements for testing and/or certification and/or licensure.
60	As used in this subsection:
61	"Apprentice" means someone who is enrolled in an apprenticeship program.

62	"Apprenticeship program" means a program offered by an employer to provide supervised
63	on-the-job training to employees approved by the United States Department of Labor.
64	"Employer sponsored training program" means a program approved in accordance with a
65	rule promulgated by the State Fire Commission or the State Fire Marshal under their respective
66	authorities established in this code.
67	"License" means a valid and current certification or license issued by State Fire
68	Commission or the State Fire Marshal for satisfactory completion of education and training
69	programs under their respective jurisdictions.
70	"Career technical education" means programs of study, clusters, and pathways approved
71	by the West Virginia Board of Education pursuant to state board policy.
	CHAPTER 30. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS.
	ARTICLE 1E. CAREER TRAINING EDUCATION AND APPRENTICESHIPS.
	§30-1E-1. Declaration of purpose.
1	The provisions of this article are intended to facilitate certification and/or licensure for
2	workers who acquire training via career technical education provided by West Virginia public
3	schools or an employer-sponsored apprenticeship and employer-sponsored training programs.
	§30-1E-2. Definitions.
1	As used in this article and the legislative rules promulgated pursuant to this article:
2	"Apprentice" means someone who is enrolled in an apprenticeship program.
3	"Apprenticeship program" means a program offered by an employer to provide supervised
4	on-the-job training to employees approved by the United States Department of Labor.
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	on-the-job training to employees approved by the United States Department of Labor.

8	"License" means a valid and current certification or license issued by a regulatory bo	ard
9	or commission in this chapter.	

"Career technical education" means programs of study, clusters, and pathways approved
 by the West Virginia Board of Education pursuant to state board policy.

§30-1E-3. Recognition of training and apprenticeship programs.

Beginning July 1, 2019, applicants for certification or licensure pursuant to this chapter shall be permitted to apply training hours earned via career technical education provided by West Virginia public schools or an apprenticeship program or employer-sponsored training program towards the requirements for certification and/or licensure in the same occupation in accordance with the standards and procedures authorized in accordance with this article.

§30-1E-4. Rule-making authority.

The licensing boards and commissions in this chapter shall, after consultation with the State Superintendent of Schools, propose rules for legislative approval, in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this article. The rules shall provide at least the following:

(1) Standards and procedures for recognizing training hours acquired through career technical education provided by West Virginia public schools and applying those hours to requirements for testing and/or certification and/or licensure.

(2) Standards and procedures for recognizing training hours acquired through apprenticeship programs and employer-sponsored training programs and applying those hours to requirements for testing and/or certification and/or licensure.

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